

Grayson County Board of Supervisors  
February 8, 2007

A regular meeting of the Grayson County Board of Supervisors held on February 8, 2007. Members attending this meeting were: Douglas Carrico, Larry Bartlett, Ralph Tuggle, Thomas Maynard, and Joe Vaughan. Mr. William Ring also attended this meeting.

IN RE: AGENDA

A letter from DOC has been added to Old Business and the discussion of Fairground in Grayson County has been added in New Business. Larry Bartlett moved to approve the agenda with these two changes, duly seconded by Thomas Maynard. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: MINUTES

Joe Vaughan moved to approve the January minutes as presented, duly seconded by Thomas Maynard. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: TREASURER'S REPORT

Thomas Maynard suggested that someone from the Treasurer's Office attend the Board Meetings. Thomas Maynard moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, duly seconded by Joe Vaughan. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: AUDITOR'S REPORT

Deanna Cox presented the audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. This audit was completed November 7, 2006. Ms. Cox also addressed the Board regarding the Statement of Auditing Standard 112, and Gaspy 45 – hiring of actuary to come up with amount we will need by Spring 2008.

IN RE: ROAD REQUESTS

Junior Goad addressed the Board regarding VDOT issues. Joe Vaughan moved to approve the Six Year Plan 2007-2013, duly seconded by Doug Carrico. Motion carried by roll call vote: Douglas Carrico – aye; Larry Bartlett – aye; Ralph Tuggle – aye; Thomas Maynard – aye; Joe Vaughan – aye. Thomas Maynard moved to approve surfacing Route 748 – Laurel Creek Road – using Rural Rustic Criteria, duly seconded by Joe Vaughan. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM

Matthew Lane of Lane Engineering addressed the Board regarding a regional water system, discussing water needs and how the authority works. A lengthy discussion followed.

IN RE: TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

Larry Bolt, Commissioner of Revenue, addressed the Board regarding the Tax Relief Program for the elderly and/or handicapped.

#### IN RE: EQUIPMENT

Dawn Cox addressed the Board requesting equipment for her office costing approximately \$1,000. Thomas Maynard moved to approve her request of up to \$1,500 from the County, duly seconded by Douglas Carrico. Motion carried 5-0.

#### IN RE: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Judy Brannock of the Chamber of Commerce addressed the Board regarding the activities of the Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Brannock announced that the Business to Business Network will be held March 2, 2007 at the Crossroads Institute.

#### IN RE: BUDGET SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 1, 2007 will be the first session of budget requests from department heads, and Tuesday, March 6, 2007 will be the second session beginning at 10 am.

#### IN RE: DEFERRED RETIREMENT RESOLUTION

Thomas Maynard moved to adopt a resolution discontinuing Deferred Retirement for employees hired after January 1, 2007, duly seconded by Joe Vaughan. Motion carried 5-0.

#### IN RE: SECURITY ASSESSMENT

Sheriff Jerry Wilson addressed the Board regarding the security assessment for the Grayson County Courthouse. Mr. Wilson stated that the security is not adequate. Ralph Tuggle suggested to the Board that two members of the Board (Larry Bartlett and Doug Carrico), the Sheriff, the Commonwealth Attorney, and County Administrator charge them as a task group and assign them the task of providing recommendations to the Board on how to upgrade courthouse security.

#### IN RE: ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Thomas Maynard moved to adopt a resolution proclaiming February 24-March 3, 2007 as Entrepreneurship Week in Virginia, duly seconded by Larry Bartlett. Motion carried 5-0.

#### IN RE: FAIRGROUND

Larry Bartlett asked the Board for a resolution asking Congressman Boucher for support and funding for a Fairground for Grayson County. Thomas Maynard suggested that the Tourism Committee do some research as to what the cost of this project might be.

#### IN RE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

William D. Ring addressed the Board regarding the Ambulance Service and upgrades that have been made on equipment and services available. Mr. Ring also updated the Board on the progress of acquiring new software for the Fairview Water Billing System. Mr. Ring also provided the Board with a Recycling Brochure that will be provided to all households in Grayson County, detailing the recycling schedule for the County.

#### IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Moxley addressed the Board of Supervisors in support of the proposed prison. Mr. Moxley expressed his opinion that the second proposed site is probably more suitable

than the original site chosen at Cox's Chapel. Mr. Moxley also stated that if this site was chosen over the Cox's Chapel site that the citizens of the Cox's Chapel community join in support of the alternate prison site.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned until February 14, 2007

Grayson County Board of Supervisors

February 14, 2007

Adjourned Meeting

An adjourned meeting of the Grayson County Board of Supervisors was held on February 14, 2007. Members attending this meeting were: Larry Bartlett, Thomas Maynard, Ralph Tuggle, and Doug Carrico. Mr. William D. Ring also attended this meeting. Joe Vaughan was absent.

IN RE: PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND STATEMENTS

Larry Bartlett moved to approve the monthly bills as presented, duly seconded by Joe Vaughan. Motion carried 4-0.

IN RE: SCHOOL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PLAN

The School Capital Construction plan will be voted on at the March 8, 2007 meeting. Comments were received from Ms. Thomas, School Board Superintendent, about the need to promote the Facility Improvement Plan.

Comments were received by Dennis Roop regarding Transportation at the Rugby Community. Thomas Maynard asked various questions regarding transportation concerns and weather related issues. Larry Bartlett asked how many students would be affected by the new facilities concept. The answer provided by Mr. Roop was approximately 12. Mr. Tuggle asked how many high school students currently go to school in Ashe County. Ms. Thomas's answer to this was some to Smyth County, some to Washington County, and some to Ashe County. She was unsure about the number, however. Thomas Maynard asked of the Mount Rogers Music Program could continue in the new school. Ms. Thomas stated that there was no reason that it could not continue. Mr. Carrico asked about the transfer of Mount Rogers scholarships now in place. Ms. Thomas replied that this is already in place and that it would be possible.

IN RE: OVERVIEW OF BUILDINGS

William Cox provided the Board with a report on the physical condition of the schools – Heat upgrades, windows, and roofs have been done. Still, conditions are bad: the fire alarms, the size of the school grounds, parking areas, wiring, plumbing, etc.

Mr. Tuggle asked about school security. Mr. Cox answered that security issues are addressed. Mr. Carrico recognizes that the schools are in poor condition.

Thomas Maynard expressed some concern that the plan might be modified and that the Board of Supervisors would be responsible for funding. Mr. Tuggle asked about students from the Providence area and what would the busing time be for these students. Mr. Roop replied that approximately 25 more minutes to come to Independence. Mr. Bartlett asked about busing time for the Fairview students. Mr. Roop answered about 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Mr. Tuggle asked about the closing of the Mount Rogers School taking away the heritage and if funding could be found for Mount Rogers, what would be the consequences of that as to how it related to the plan. Ms. Thomas replied that it would cripple the plan.

Thomas Maynard asked that as we look at a new model for the facilities, how can we maximize the return on the investment and how can we use the schools as meeting places or a place for a class. Ms. Thomas said it would be possible, for example, the Pulaski School has a community center.

Mr. Maynard asked about cost savings that will occur, asking the School Board how confident they were that the numbers given by them to the Board could be taken to the bank. Ms. Thomas answered that the school division has worked hard to come up with those figures and they are conservative.

Mr. Tuggle suggested scheduling a working session with a vote to occur at the March 8, 2007 meeting. March 1<sup>st</sup> at 1 pm is the scheduled date for the work session.

#### IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Morton spoke in favor of a strong school system, stating that many people who plan to move here frequently ask questions about the school system.

Kathy Jackson, teacher, expressed concern that our students are currently missing out on opportunities. She outlined problems that are present at Providence School.

Susan Funk, teacher, spoke in support of the facilities plan. Ms. Funk had toured other schools, noticing that security was addressed in other schools. Large rooms had modern heating and cooling systems.

Marcie Hart spoke in support of school facilities plan.

John Alexander, Principal, spoke in support of the school plan and is happy with the cooperation of both boards.

#### IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Meetings will be held Thursday, March 29, 2007 at the Grayson County Middle School Library and at the Middle School Gym.

IN RE: PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Larry Bartlett moved to establish a seat occupied by the Board of Supervisors on the Planning Commission, duly seconded by Doug Carrico. Motion carried 4-0.

Ralph Tuggle moved to appoint Thomas Maynard to the Board position on the Planning Commission, duly seconded by Larry Bartlett. Motion carried 4-0.

IN RE: SMART COMMUNITIES PROJECT

Thomas Maynard updated the Board on the Smart Communities Project at the Crossroads Institute and spoke about how important small business is to our County. Mr. Maynard elaborated on the activities of the week of February 26 – March 1, 2007. Larry Bartlett gave an update on Governor Kaine's Strike Force. An extension will be requested.

IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ralph E. Tuggle moved to approve an executive session in accordance with Subsection A (1-27) of Section 2.2-3711A-1 Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended for the purpose of discussing the need for land acquisition and one personnel item, duly seconded by Thomas Maynard, motion carried.

Whereas the Grayson County Board of Supervisors has convened an executive meeting on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information act; and

Whereas, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board of Supervisors that such executive meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

No action was taken.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (I) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (II) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Supervisors with recorded confirmation from members as follows: Larry K. Bartlett – I so certify; Ralph E. Tuggle – I so certify; Douglas K. Carrico – I so certify; Thomas M. Maynard – I so certify.

Meeting adjourned until March 8, 2007.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THIS BOARD ADJOURN:

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